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Hence New-years Odes, and all the Grub-ſtreet race. Dunciad. B. I.

ODE for New-year's day, 1731, written by COLLEY CIBBER, Eſq; Poet Laureate; ſet to muſick by Mr. ECCLES, and ſung at Court by Mr. HUGHES, accompany'd with inſtrumental muſick.

Recitativo.

ONCE more, the ever circling Sun,
Through the celeſtial ſigns has run:
Again old Time inverts his glaſs,
And bids the annual ſeaſons paſs.
The youthful Spring ſhall call for birth,
And glad, with op'ning flow'rs, the earth;
Fair Summer load, with ſheaves, the field;
And golden fruit ſhall Autumn yield:
Each, to the Winter's want, their ſtores ſhall bring,
Till warmer genial Suns recall the ſpring.

Air.

Ye grateful Britons, bleſs the year,
That kindly yields increaſe;
While plenty, that might feed a war,
Enjoys the guard of peace.

Your plenty, to the ſkies, you owe;
Peace is your Monarch's care:
Thus bounteous JOVE, and GEORGE below,
Divided Empire ſhare.

Recitativo.

Britannia, pleas'd, looks round her Realms, to ſee
Your various cauſes of felicity!
To glorious war, a glorious peace ſucceeds,
(For moſt we triumph when the farmer feeds.)
Then truly are we great, when Peace ſupplys
Our blood, our treaſure drain'd by victorys.

Turn, happy Britons, to the Throne, your eyes,
And in the Royal Offspring ſee
How amply bounteous providence ſupplys
The ſource of your felicity.

Air.

Behold! in ev'ry face Imperial graces ſhine!
All native to the race of GEORGE and CAROLINE:

In each young Hero we admire
The blooming virtues of his Sire;
In each maturing Fair we find
Maternal charms, of ſofter kind.

Recitativo.

In vain, through ages paſt has Phœbus roll'd,
E're ſuch a ſight bleſt Albion cou'd behold:
Thrice happy Mortals, if your ſtate you knew!
Where does the globe ſo bleſt a Nation ſhew?
All that of you, indulgent heav'n requires,
Is loyal hearts, to reach your own deſires.
Let Faction then, her ſelf-born views lay down,
And hearts united, thus addreſs the Throne.

Air.

Hail! Royal Cæſar, hail!
Like this, may every annual Sun
Add brighter glories to thy Crown,
Till Suns themſelves ſhall fail.

Recitativo.

May heav'n thy peaceful Reign prolong,
Nor let, to thy great Empire's wrong,
Foreign, or native foes prevail.

Chorus.

Hail! Royal Cæſar, hail!
Like this, may every annual Sun
Add brighter glories to thy Crown,
'Till Suns themſelves ſhall fail.

The late preferment of an illuſtrious Member of our Society having excited the envy of many diſappointed Poets, they have vented their ſpleen in ſeveral Epigrams, &c. ſome of which have appear'd in this *Journal*, in which we make no ſcruple to publiſh any thing that may contribute to the diverſion and inſtruction of the Reader, tho' it may reflect upon ſome of our own Members. This *Ode on the New-year*, which fully ſhews the LAUREATE's great abilities, has increaſed the envy and malice of his Rivals to that degree, that they have endeavoured to burleſque it, particularly in the *London Evening Poſt*, *Jan.* 7. and in FOG's laſt *Journal*. Now ſince ſome Perſons admire, and others deſpiſe, that which they do not underſtand, I ſhall, for the ſake of both, write ſome ſhort notes upon this *Ode*, to explain and vindicate it from all the Objections I have heard.

1. The opinion concerning the eternity of the world, held by many of the ancient Philoſophers, has been ingeniouſly revived by SPINOZA, and embraced by the great Wits of the laſt age: againſt which the late learned Dr. CLARKE raiſed ſome objections, which they did not think worth anſwering.

3. Old *Janus* with his double face is the old Heatheniſh Emblem commonly in uſe on theſe occaſions: but our Poet makes uſe of one which is more familiar to the thoughts and eyes of Chriſtian Readers, introducing *Old Time* with an hour-glaſs in his hand, as he is pictured in our Almanachs, who (like Old DANIEL BURGESS) ſeems here to deſire the world to *take t'other glaſs*.

5. It is very poetical, to make the *Spring* a living Perſon *calling for birth*. To which it has been objected that it is unnatural, there being no animal which *calls for Birth*. To this I anſwer, that Oviparous Animals do in a literal ſenſe *call for Birth*. But then it is aſked, to whom does *Spring call?* To *Old Time*. But does not *Old Time, bid Spring paſs*; therefore what occaſion for *Spring to call?* I reply, When *Time bids Spring paſs*, *Spring* may not be ready; but as ſoon as it is ready it *calls for Birth*.

7. This is a prognoſtication of an early Harveſt, which is to be this year in *Summer*, and not in *Autumn*.

15. This with the 3 following lines is an admirable imitation of

Nocte pluit totâ, redeunt ſpectacula manè:
Diviſum imperium cum Jove Cæſar habet.

Of which I ſhall give a verbal tranſlation in a Couplet, and reduce the LAUREATES imitation within the ſame compaſs: from whence it will evidently appear, how great an improvement the latter is of the former.

It rains all night, the ſhows return with day:
Thus JOVE and CÆSAR bear divided Sway
Plenty is Heav'ns, and Peace our Monarch's care:
Thus JOVE and GEORGE divided Empire ſhare.

An objection was raiſed againſt this by Mr. ORTHODOXO, as being irreligious; who affirmed, that we *owed peace*, as much as *plenty*, to Heaven, and were directed by our Church to pray for one, as well as the other. But to this it was anſwered, that tho' *Peace*, like marriage, might be made in Heaven; yet (like that, in the opinion of the Ladies) it was often a long time in coming down: and that in particular as to the *peace* of Europe; it did not yet appear, that Heaven had concerned itſelf at all about it.

21. Here it was inquired, what *war* the Author meant, I anſwer 1. That taken literally it is the *war* we have had with the Spaniards, or rather they with us: and it is called *glorious*, becauſe they were forced to raiſe the ſiege of Gibraltar, &c. But 2 I take the Author to have principally deſigned it in a figurative ſenſe, and to have meant the warm diſputes and altercations in the ſeveral *Congreſſes* abroad, which may very properly be ſtiled a ſort of civil war. And accordingly my learned Brother N. BAILEY *Philologus*, upon the word *Congreſs* ſays '[*Congres* F. of '*Congreſſus* L.] A meeting, or coming together: alſo an 'engagement or fight. This will be farther confirmed by the notes upon the 23d and 24th verſes.

22. A great diſpute has ariſen about the word *feeds*, whether it be active or neuter: and a learned Member asked, Does the *Farmer feed* himſelf, or *feed* his cattle? I anſwered, both: and tho' either ſence is good; yet I take the latter to be principally intended, becauſe I think *we triumph moſt*, when *the Farmer feeds* moſt cattel for us to *feed* upon. And therefore I humbly offer an emendation of this verſe, which I would have run thus,

We triumph moſt, when moſt *the Farmer feeds.*

This, like the other, retains both ſenſes: and for the juſtneſs both of my interpretation, and emendation, I appeal to the *Beef eaters* at S. James's.

23. 24. Theſe 2 lines are true, both in the literal and figurative ſenſes. In the former, *Peace ſupplies* both *our blood* and *our treaſure*, by promoting propagation and plenty. In the latter, *treaſure* is very elegantly repreſented as the *blood* of the nation: and the *victories* by which it has been *drain'd*, are thoſe which have been gained in the *Congreſſes* abroad, by our Plenipotentiaries, Ambaſſadors, Envoys &c. which have neceſſarily been attended with a great expence.

25. This with the 3 following verſes was ſaid to be inconſiſtent with the 19 and 20. For there *Britannia* is repreſented, as *looking round the realm, to ſee the various cauſes of felicity*; and here the *Britons* are directed to *turn their eyes to the throne, to ſee the ſource of their felicity*. But this is a mere cavil: for *the Throne is the ſource of all the various cauſes of our felicity*.

39. 40. To theſe 2 lines it was objected, that if our *deſires* are above our *reach*, this *All that heaven requires of* us is a great deal too much; and that it can by no means be juſtly called *indulgent* in *requiring* it. This I own puzzled me: but a Pupil of the great Dr. ZOILUS made a conjecture, which I think almoſt certain. He ſaid, that the r, which is much like a t, ought to be changed into it, and inſtead of *reach*, we muſt read *teach*. This Conjecture is ſtrongly confirmed by what immediately follows, where the Poet exhorts all *loyal hearts united* to *addreſs the throne* in the following Stanzas. Now it is certain that *loyal hearts* can never more effectually *teach* the nation *their own* loyal *deſires*, than by publick *Addreſſes to the Throne*.

46. This verſe was ſaid to be a contradiction to the firſt, in which the epithet of *ever-circling* is given to the *Sun*. But it is plain, that the *Suns* here are not the ſame individual *Sun* mentioned there: and I am inclined to think, that the true original reading was *Sons*; the verſe running full as well with this alteration, and the ſenſe being much better.

I could make ſeveral more obſervations upon the beauty of the expreſſions, and the harmony of the numbers, &c. but think what I have ſaid ſufficient: and ſhall only add, That as it has been obſerved, that, when a ſong is good ſenſe, it muſt be made nonſenſe before it can be made muſick; ſo I believe the rule inverted (like the Glaſs of old Time) will ſtand as firm, That, when a ſong is nonſenſe, there is no other way, but by ſetting it to muſick, to make it ſeem tolerable ſenſe.

Mr. BAVIUS, *Jan.* 4. 1731,

YOU are ſo ſevere upon your *Couſin* SIMON, only for calling in queſtion the merit of Mr. DUCK's Poems, and Mr. QUIDNUNC's wit; that a *ſtranger* can expect no quarter from you, if he happen to differ with you. I don't know but I may incur your diſpleaſure by the obſervations I herewith ſend you, tho' made on a couple of Gentlemen no way related to you: however, you need not take the trouble to be angry; the gentleſt rebuke will ſuffice to ſilence me for ever.

But, before I proceed, I muſt premiſe, that I do not pretend to be a Critic: or, if I did, I ſhould rather affect the good-natured part of diſcovering beauties, than of expoſing faults. You will therefore look upon what I now ſend you, as an humble requeſt to be enlighten'd in a matter, wherein I dare not preſume to come to any determination.

The Poems of HOMER and VIRGIL, you know, have paſs'd through a great many ages, with an almoſt univerſal and uninterrupted applauſe. Notwithſtanding this, I have ſome doubts upon my mind, with regard to the conduct of their Poems, which I ſhould be glad to have remov'd. At preſent I ſhall only trouble you with an inſtance or two concerning the *manners* of their Heroes; which, I need not tell you, ought to be ſuitable and conſiſtent: but, if I am not miſtaken, are far from being ſo, in either of their Poems. I ſhould be well pleaſed to have my eyes open'd, or the ſuſpected paſſages ſet in a due light, to be ſeen with advantage. If you are too much engag'd to gratify me herein; your publiſhing my ſcruples may probably induce ſome other hand to do juſtice to thoſe excellent Poems: than which nothing would be more agreeable to

Your humble ſervant, THOMAS DIDYMUS.

Scruples concerning the ſuitableneſs and conſiſtency of the Epic manners in VIRGIL's *Æneis.*

I. *Inſtance.* The duel between *Æneas*, the great Hero of the Poem, and *Turnus*, the brave Prince of the Rutuli. —— The former bears ſo great a character of courage, that the Poet thought it no impropriety to make him the trumpeter of his own merit, Æn. x. 829.

Hoc tamen, infelix, miſeram ſolabere mortem:
Æneæ magni dextrâ cadis.
And let this thought conſole thy rigid doom;
By great Æneas' hand thou fall'ſt. Trapp.

The latter is repreſented as the great ſtay of the State, xii. 653.

Turne, in te ſuprema ſalus.
Turnus, *on thee our laſt of hopes depends.*
And accordingly Both of them with ſuitable ardor, prepare for the combat, on which depended the fate of the two nations, 101.

——— ——— *Totoque ardentis ab ore*
Scintillæ abſiſtunt: oculis micat acribus ignis.
——— —— *And from his ſmoking mouth*
Burſt ſparks of fire, and flaſhes from his eyes.

107. *Nec minus interea maternis ſævus in armis*
Æneas acuit Martem, & ſe ſuſcitat irâ.
Nor leſs Æneas, in Vulcanian arms
Refulgent, rouſes all his martial rage.

When Turnus, ſeeing the eyes of the nation upon him, gives them all the ſatisfaction that could be expected from the moſt undaunted courage, 14.

——*Hac Dardanium dextrâ ſub tartara mittam*
Deſertorem Aſiæ.
——— —— *or this right hand,*
Shall ſend to hell the Phrygian Renegade,
Aſia's Deſerter.

And ſuch, indeed, it was fit he ſhould appear, to give Æneas the credit of a victory. But, when they come to engage, how alter'd is Turnus? He ſneaks along with dejected eyes, and a deadly pale countenance, 219.

Adjuvat inceſſu tacito progreſſus, & aram
Suppliciter venerans demiſſo lumine Turnus:
Tabenteſque genæ, & juvenili in corpore pallor.
Turnus augments thoſe tears, as ſlow he moves
With ſilent pace, and at the altar bows,
Suppliant with down-caſt eyes; his livid cheeks;
And paleneſs o'er his youthful body ſpred.

So that he became an object of pity, and ſtruck his Countrymen to the heart with the ſaddeſt apprehenſions, 216.

At verò Rutulis impar ea pugna videri
Jamdudum, & vario miſceri pectora motu.
But to the Rutuli unequal ſeem'd,
This combat; and their breaſts long ſince confus'd,
With various motions fluctuate.

At laſt, however, he reſolves to fight; and to it they go like two bulls, 715.

Ac velut ingenti Sila, ſummove Taburno,
Cùm duo converſis inimica in prælia tauri
Frontibus incurrunt.
As when in ſhady Sila's *ſpacious grove,*
Or on Taburnus *top, with hoſtile force,*
And puſhing horns, two bulls in battle join.

At the firſt ſtroke Turnus's ſword breaks: upon which, like one frighted out of his wits, he takes to his heels, 742.

Ergo amens diverſa fugâ petit æquora Turnus,
Et nunc huc, inde huc incertos implicat orbes.
Therefore with fear, confounded Turnus *flies,*
And traverſing the field, now here, now there,
Doubles in doubtful mazes.

And dodges his Adverſary up and down the plain; who, like a man of mettle in celeſtial armor, purſues him might and main, 749.

Incluſum veluti ſi quando in flumine nactus
Cervum, aut puniceæ ſeptum formidine pennæ,
Venator curſu canis & latratibus inſtat.
So the ſtanch hound, loud op'ning in the chace
Urges the ſtag, or with a rivers ſtream,
Or with a hedge of crimſon plumes incloſ'd.

Threatening death and deſtruction to any one that might be moved by his cries to help him to a ſword. In this condition, diſtracted with fear, poor Turnus falls to his prayers, 776.

——*Tum verò amens formidine Turnus.*
Faune, precor, miſerere, inquit, &c.
Then Turnus *wild with conſternation prays,*
Great Faunus *aid thy Votary, &c.*

Upon which, while Æneas was tugging at his javelin, which ſtuck in the root of a tree, he obtains a celeſtial ſword: but inſtead of uſing it, whips up a ſtone, which a dozen luſty fellows could hardly lift, and flings it at the Hero, 896.

Saxum circumſpicit ingens,
Saxum antiquum, ingens:
Vix illud lecti bis ſex cervice ſubirent,
Qualia nunc hominum producit corpora tellus.
But looking round eſpy'd
A pond'rous ſtone, which then by chance there lay,
An antique pond'rous ſtone.
This ſcarce twelve choſen men (ſuch men as now
The earth brings forth) could on their ſhoulders bear.

The Hero eſcaping, (as how ſhould he do otherwiſe, when Jupiter ſent a frightful Fury to confound his Antagoniſt?) takes the advantage of his fatigue and conſternation, and hurling his launce, wounds him in the thigh: upon which he falls. But the pious and pitiful Champion (*Pius Æneas*) inſtead of giving him his life, when he begg'd it in the moſt moving terms, and reſign'd his Miſtreſs, plung'd his ſword into his heart; only, forſooth, becauſe he eſpy'd upon him the belt of a young Trojan, whom he had fairly ſlain in the battle.

This, I think, is a fair account of this duel: which, as it cloſes the main action of the Poem, ought to have been diſtinguiſhed with a peculiar care. The quotations you will pardon, as I have not troubled you with remarks. I thought them neceſſary to vouch for the juſtice of my repreſentation; which, I conceiv'd, without them, might very eaſily have been ſuſpected. —— *If theſe Scruples turn to any account, you may expect more of them, from*

THOMAS DIDYMUS.

LONDON.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
C. *Crafts-man.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*

Important Articles omitted in our laſt.

Yeſterday died Mrs. Knipp, Wife to an eminent Merchant in Bear-binder-lane. *C. Dec.* 31. —— A few days ſince died at Chatham Mr. Phelps, Carpenter of the Sunderland. *S J.* ——— Wedn. Dr. Mizaubin, in S. Martin's-lane, gave a ſplendid entertainment to ſeveral Noblemen, &c. in which company was Sir Rob. Fagg, Bar. of Suſſex. *D J. Jan.* 1. ——Yeſterday died of a dropſy, Mr. Try, Maſter of the Tilt-yard Coffee-houſe. *C. D P.* 4. — Maſter of the Tap-houſe, not Maſter of the Coffee-houſe. *C.* 5. —— Yeſterday 2 private Centinels were whipt by the drums in S. James's Park. *Ibid.* —— Saturday died at Tilford near Farnham, Capt. John Turner, formerly a wholeſale Mercer in Buckler's-bury *S J. WE. L E.* —— Friday night an Apprentice was attacked by 2 ſtreet-robbers, under the Little Piazza, Covent-garden who took from him a key, and 1 s. 6 d. *W E.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 7.

Yeſterday being 12th day, their Majeſties, &c. went to the Royal Chappel at S. James's, attended by the Knights Companions, &c. where his Majeſty and his R. H. the Prince made 3 offerings at the altar, viz. of gold, frankincenſe and myrrh, according to annual cuſtom. In the evening their Majeſties, &c. play'd with the Nobility and Gentry, for the benefit of the Groom Porter, as uſual. *C. P.* —— The Duke, &c. play'd at Hazard. *D P.* —— His Highneſs the Duke, being much indiſpoſed, has kept his bed theſe 2 days. *C.*

There hath lately been diſcovered in Brazil, a mine, in which are found diamonds of as fine a water, and as hard, or rather harder, than thoſe from the Eaſt-Indies; a great quantity of them have been lately imported from Lisbon; and, it is thought, it will lower the price of oriental diamonds very much. *C. D P.*

Joſ. Jenoure, Eſq; brother to Sir Joh. Jeroure, of Eſſex, Bar. is made Surveyor-General of North-Carolina. *D P.*

Charles Ray, who was to have had the drum of his ear taken out, is to be tranſported for 14 years. *S J. L E.*

Sir Will. Wyndham, Bar. and the H. Bapt. Leveſon Gower, Eſq; are on the road from Bath to this Town; and its believed, at the opening of the Seſſions, there will be the greateſt appearance of Members in the Country intereſt that ever was known. *L E.*

Whereas it hath been currently reported for 7 years laſt paſt, that John Motley, formerly Sailor of Liverpool, is ſuperior to any of his Majeſty's ſubjects, the Beef-eaters not excepted, in the voracity of his appetite, and ability in eating: This is to certify the Public, that I Nath. Guttle, of his Majeſty's 1ſt Troop of Grenadier Guards, do challenge this victualling Hero to meet me at the 1 Tun Tavern in the Strand Feb. 1. betwixt 12 and 1, when and where I ſhall be ready to try a ſtomach with him for what ſum he pleaſes; nor ſhall I deſire any thing but ſharp knives, much meat, unbyaſs'd Tryers, and no favour. —— Whereas Nath. Guttle, &c. has been ſo audacious as to queſtion my ſtomach's ſuperiority to his, and challenge me in the publick Prints; I here give notice to all Virtuoſo's in the art of eating, that I intend to meet this Braggadocio at the time and place appointed, for the ſum of 100 l. where I ſhall endeavour to give a convincing proof to all Spectators, that in reſpect of my appetite, he is a mere valetudinarian and if no ſoldier, would ſcarce deſerve the name of a Brother of the Blade. J. MOTLEY. ———

N. B. Pit and Boxes to be laid together, and none to be admitted without printed tickets, at 5 s. each, to be had only at the 1 Tun Tavern in the Strand, Gallery 2 s. *E P.* —— *A certain* valiant Champion, *who has abſented himſelf from our Society for ſome time, and now employs his jaws againſt it* in railing, *in order to employ them* in eating, *has ſome thoughts, I hear, of ingaging the Victor in this* oral Controverſy: *the ſucceſs of which I dont doubt will intitle him to a panegyric in the* Regiſter *of our Society.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 8.

Yeſterday began the Gen. Qr. Seſſions for the City, &c. of Weſtminſter; and Sir John Gonſon, Chairman, gave a moſt eloquent and learned charge, as uſual on that occaſion. *C.* a learned and excellent. *D J.* a very learned, &c. *P.* —— *I allow that this Charge was* a learned, *nay* a very learned, and excellent Charge; *but muſt beg leave to queſtion, whether it was* a moſt eloquent and learned *one, ſince it does not appear to have been* more eloquent, *but only* as eloquent, &c. as uſual; *which I fully believe.*

Laſt night the L. Viſc. Limerick, Repreſentative for Wendover, arrived here with his Lady from Ireland. *D P.*

The Ode to Sir Rob. Walpole is ſet to muſick by Dr. Pepuſch and Mr. Leveridge, which is ſaid to be a fine performance. *C.* —— *I wiſh my Brother had told us plainly, whether he meant* the Ode, *or* the Muſick, *or both.*

Wedneſday night ſome Rogues, by lifting up the ſaſh of a window, got into the houſe of Mr. Southwell, a Pawnbroker in Bond's-ſtables, and ſtole goods to the value of about 10 l. but being diſturb'd, made off without any more booty. *D P.* —— *It is probable theſe* goods were ſtoln *twice.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 9.

Thurſday night laſt his R. Highneſs the Prince, with ſeveral perſons of Quality ſupp'd at the junior Dutcheſs of Marlborough's, in Stable-yard, St. James's. *P.*

We hear that orders are given for money to be iſſued out of the Treaſury, for the payment of his Majeſty's annual bounty to decay'd Gentlewomen. *Ibid.*

Major Cholmondeley, 2d Son to the E. of Cholmondeley, is made Deputy Governor of the Caſtle of Cheſter. *D P.*

We hear that the E. of Portmore won about 9000 l. at Court laſt twelfth-night. *Ibid.* 900 l *L E.*

Thurſday morning the celebrated Actor Mr. Boheme, who belong'd to the Theatre-Royal in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, died of a conſumption at Greenwich in Kent. *D J.* on thurſday night at Camberwell. *C. D P.* at Woolwich. *P.*

Laſt wedneſday night the High Conſtable of Holbourn Diviſion, &c. went to ſearch a notorious Gaming-houſe behind Gray's-Inn-Walks, by virtue of a warrant under the hands of the Lord Delewar, Sir John Gonſon, &c. but the Gameſters having, ſome previous account, all fled. The Maſter of the houſe they apprehended, and the Juſtices bound him in a 200 l. penalty, not to permit any unlawful games in his houſe for the future. *D J.*

A Liſt of the Officers eſtabliſhed in the moſt notorious gaming houſes.

1. A *Commiſſioner*, always a Proprietor, who looks in of a night; and the week's account is audited by him and 2 other Proprietors. —— 2. A *Director*, who ſuperintends the room. —— 3. An *Operator*, who deals the cards at a cheating game called Faroe. —— 4. Two *Croupees*, who watch the cards, and gather the money for the bank. —— 5. Two *Puffs*, who have money given them to decoy others to play. —— 6. A *Clerk*, who is a check upon the Puffs, to ſee that they ſink none of the money given them to play with. —— 7. A *Squib* is a Puff of a lower rank, who ſerves at half ſalary, while he is learning to deal. —— 8. A *Flaſher*, to ſwear how often the bank has been ſtript. ——— 9. A *Dunner*, who goes about to recover money loſt at play. —— 10. A *Waiter*, to fill out wine, ſnuff candles, and attend the gaming room. —— 11. An *Attorney*, a Newgate Sollicitor. —— 12. A *Captain*, who is to fight any Gentleman that is peeviſh for loſing his money —— 13. An *Uſher*, who lights Gentlemen up and down ſtairs, and gives the word to the Porter. —— 14. A *Porter*, who is generally a Soldier of the Foot guards. —— 15. An *Orderly Man*, who walks up and down the outſide of the door, to give notice to the Porter, and alarm the houſe at the approach of the Conſtables. —— 16. A *Runner*, who is to get intelligence of the Juſtices meetings. —— 17. *Link-boys, Coachmen, Chairmen, Drawers*, or others, who bring intelligence of the Juſtices meetings, or of the Conſtables being out, at half a guinea reward. —— 18. *Common Bail, Affidavit Men, Ruffians, Bravoes, Aſſaſſins*, cum multis aliis. *Ibid.*

Extract of a Letter to the Author of the Daily Poſt, from Mr. THEO. CIBBER, dated Jan. 8. 'In this *Attempt* 'towards a *new Comedy* call'd the *Lover*, I have not de'ſign'd any *Perſonal*, or *National Reflection*. —— I have 'the honour to be acquainted with ſome *Gentlemen* of '*Ireland*, who ſo well deſerve *That name*, and for whom 'I have ſo particular a value and eſteem, That alone were 'ſufficient, to prevent my being guilty of ſo unpardonable 'an error. ——I ſolemnly declare, That my *Father* never 'ſaw the *Play*, is wholly *unacquainted* with the *Subject*, 'and entirely *unaccountable* (whether good, bad, or indif'ferent) for any *one line* in it. —— Had I not ſome *tole'rable opinion* of the Play, I ſhould think it too preſum'ing to offer it to the *Publick*: yet I muſt confeſs, 'my hopes of ſucceſs depend, more on the *indulgence* 'of the *Town*, than any particular merits in the *Piece*. 'Nor had I ventur'd to appear in the light of an *Author*, 'but from a belief, a *moderate new Play* might probably 'paſs, at a time, when our *Auditors* (from frequent re'petition) are almoſt as perfect as the *Actors*, in the beſt 'Old Plays. *D P* —— *I fear this* young Gentleman *has too much timorouſneſs, piety, and modeſty to ſucceed in this degenerate age. Fearing, leſt the world ſhould impute ſome part of* this Play *to* his Father, *he* declares him entirely unaccountable for any one good, *as well as* bad, or indifferent line in it. *As his own* opinion *of it, is only* tolerable *to himſelf, it may poſſibly prove* intolerable *to others - but let the* appearance *on the Stage by means of falſe light*

be what it will, the light of an Author *of* a moderate [*indifferent*] new Play, *can be but darkneſs.*

Whereas a tub of Quick ſilver was lately ſtolen from the ſhop of Mr. Drake, a Druggiſt, in Fleet-ſtreet 4 guineas reward is offered to the perſon that brings it to the ſaid ſhop, and no queſtions ask'd. *Ibid.* —— *I hope the low price, at which, 'tis probable, this* Quick-ſilver, *will be ſold, will not tempt any of our Society, or of the Renegadoes from it, to buy any, tho' they may have very great occaſion for it, on more accounts than one.*

Laſt night the Coroner's Jury ſat at the Jacob's well in Grub-ſtreet, upon the body of Mr. Wm. Gurney, an eminent Founder, who hang'd himſelf in his chamber laſt wedneſday, in the ſaid ſtreet; and after examining ſeveral witneſſes relating to his behaviour for ſome time laſt paſt, they brought in their verdict lunacy. *D J.* —— *Tho'* Lunacy *is a very common diſtemper in this* Street, *yet as few* hang themſelves *here, as in any other.*

This day ended the Qr. Seſſions for Weſtminſter, when Hen. Herbert, a Footman, convicted of an attempt to commit a rape upon a Girl about 8 years of age, received ſentence to ſtand in the pillory twice, to pay a fine of 1 s. and to ſuffer 6 months impriſonment. —— One Bambridge, for attempting to commit ſodomy, was ſentenced to ſtand once in the pillory, and to pay a fine of 1 s. *S J.* In *C. P. D J.* 11.

We hear that the Deputy and Common-council men of Cheap Ward have determined to ſerve as Jurymen in the Lord Mayor's and Sheriffs Courts for the year enſuing. It is hoped this good example will be followed by the Gentlemen of the other Wards of this City, it being for the publick good of their fellow Citizens. *L E.*

A few days ſince died, after a ſhort illneſs, Dr. Morton, of the College of Phyſician. *Ibid.* Taken ill on tueſday, and died on wedneſday. *C.* 11.

MONDAY, *Jan.* 11.

Sat. evening died Mr. Joſ. Wyeth, aged 70: a conſiderable Trader in America, exceeding uſeful to S. Thomas's Hoſpital, of which he was a Governor, and famous for ſome Treatiſes in defence of Quakeriſm. *D J.*

Mr. Tho. Granger, Attorney of Lyon's-Inn, is made Sollicitor in the Wine-licence Office. *D P.*

Friday died, at his houſe in Doctor's Commons, Mr. Wm. Taverner, Proctor in the Arches Court of Canterbury, and is ſucceeded in his buſineſs by his ſon. He was a man of an unblemiſh'd Character in his Profeſſion, and indefatigable in the ſervice of his Client and his Friend: he was a lover of the Muſes, and gave many Comedies to the Stage, among which his Artful Husband, in particular, met with univerſal approbation. *D J.* —— *My learned Friend Mr.* G. JACOB, *in his* Political Regiſter, Vol. II. *gives the following account of this Gentleman.* 'He is de-'ſcended from the Taverners of North Elmham in Nor-'folk, who removed to Nettle-Bed in Oxfordſhire, and 'ſettled laſt at Hexton in Hertfordſhire. He is the Son 'of Mr. Jer. Taverner, Face-Painter. He has writ 5 Plays, 'viz. 1. *The faithful Bride of Granada.* 2. *The Maid 'the Miſtreſs.* 3. *The female Advocates*, or, *the frantick 'Stock-Jobbers.* 4. *The artful Husband*, acted with ap-'plauſe, 1716. 5. *The artful Wife*, 1717. all Comedies. 'This Play, tho' it did not meet with equal ſucceſs, is, 'in all reſpects, far ſuperior to the former.

Mrs. Leben, Dreſſer to the 2 young Princeſſes, is appointed Governeſs to them. *P.*

Saturday Mr. Franklin, the ſuppoſed Printer of the Craftsman, was taken in cuſtody by Mr. Gordon, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers; 3 other Meſſengers, who aſſiſted, ſeized all his Papers and Manuſcripts, and carried him away to Mr. Gordon's houſe in Stretton's-ground, Weſtm. where he is confined from pen, ink, and paper, and no perſons admitted to ſee him, without an attendant being preſent. *C.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 12.

Yeſterday the L. C. Juſtice Raymond kiſſed the King's hand on his being made a Peer of this Realm. *C. P.* By the title of Langleyberry. *D P.*

We hear the ſubſcription for building a new Theatre in Bow-ſtreet, Covent-garden, for Mr. Rich, amounts to upwards of 6000 l. and that the ſame will be very ſpeedily begun by that ingenious Architect Jam. Sheppard, Eſq; his draught having been very much approved already; and, we are very well aſſured, the other houſe in Lincoln's-Inn fields will be diſpoſed of to the Crown, for the uſe of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Stamp duties. *C.*

On ſunday died at his houſe in Boſwell-court, Sir Tho. Jones, Knt. Regiſter for the County of Middleſex, a place worth 1000 l. per ann. in the gift of the Maſter of the Rolls. *C.* Maſter of the Enrolment office for the County, &c. *D J.* Treaſurer and Secretary to the moſt hon. Society of Ancient Britons. *P.* His Widow is Principal of the Subpœna office in Chancery. *D P.*

On ſaturday night Mrs. Nutt, Mrs. Dodd, and Mrs. Pearce, 3 Mercuries, were taken into cuſtody of one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, for publiſhing the Craftsman of the ſame day. *C.* Mrs. Nutt, and Mrs. Smith. *P.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

Mr. BAVIUS read to the Society a Propoſal of our Brother FOG, for the improvement of young Poets, printed in his laſt *Journal*, as follows. 'There was an Invention 'in France ſome years ago, in which young Beginners 'were commonly enter'd; theſe were your *Beaurimez.* '——The Rhimes were given by the Academy, and the 'young Poets were to fill up the lines. I can't help ſaying, I could wiſh to ſee this practice revived here, in order to form our junior Poets. —— Upon this our learned Preſident, the moſt ancient of Criticks, obſerved, that your *Beaurimez* was a term he had never met with in all his reading; which made him believe, that it was not an *Invention in France*, he having been converſant with the language of that Country. In which, he ſaid, he remember'd there was ſuch a term as *Bouts-rimez*, of which a celebrated French Author gives the following account. 'They are rhimes diſpoſed in order, which are given 'to a Poet, together with a ſubject, upon which he is obliged to make verſes, uſing the ſame words, and in the 'very ſame order. The extravagance of a Poet, named 'Du Lot, gave occaſion to this invention, about the year '1649. The moſt odd, out-of-the-way rhimes were choſen, and every one endeavoured to fill them up as exactly as poſſible. Sarraſin has written a Poem intituled, *La 'Deffaite des Bouts-rimez.*

Dublin, Dec. 29. Upon the application of ſeveral Perſons of diſtinction of the County of Corke, the Lords Juſtices have been pleaſed to iſſue a ſpecial Commiſſion, for the tryal of Tiege, *alias* Tim. Croneen, &c. for the murder of Mr. And. S. Leger and his Wife, and to make a general goal delivery. *C. P. D P.* 7.

In the Papers delivered by Mr. Ric. Johnſton and Mr. John Porter (printed in *P. Jan.* 7.) they both own the juſtice of the ſentence pronounced againſt them, the law having made all principals in the heinous ſin of murder. But Mr. Johnſton declares that he drew his ſword, and purſued ſome perſons while it was in his hand in that manner; and that he ſheathed it, and ſtruck a man with it in the ſcabbard, at the ſign of the Union on Temple-Bar, and likewiſe with his hand, but whether the deceaſed or not, he cannot ſay. Mr. Porter declares, that he did not execute the fact, had no ſword in his hand, nor deſign in his heart to execute it. *P.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 7.

Cleves, Jan. 6. N. S. Recruits drop down almoſt daily from the Empire and Hungary, for the Imperial Troops in the Auſtrian Netherlands, the Emperor having reſolved to augment them to 20,000 men. Great magazines are erecting at the ſame time in ſeveral places. *C.*

Hague, Dec. 9. The Pr. of Naſſau Orange, during his ſtay here, had a prodigious Levee every day of the officers of the guards, and other Gentlemen of the army. His Highneſs, not having grown theſe 2 years, will be but ſmall of ſtature, and that not the beſt proportion'd in the world: but it is generally agreed by thoſe who have the honour to approach him, that the accompliſhments of his mind do abundantly ſupply any ſeeming outward irregularity; he being a Prince of excellent natural parts, improved with learning, and a great deal of vivacity, temper'd with an admirable good nature. *P.* —— We have been long in hopes of hearing of the return of the P. Royal of Pruſſia to the Court of Berlin; but hitherto in vain. There is no mention made of him in all our letters: but they take notice, that the loſs of Lieut. Catſch, beheaded before his R. Highneſs's window at Kuſtrin, is ſtill greatly lamented in private. They ſay, that he was a brave Officer; and that when he was upon the ſcaffold, he declared, that no part of the Tragedy was grievous to him, but placing the ſcene upon the ſpot where he was executed. *Ibid.*

This day arrived a Mail due from France, *and 4 from* Flanders.

We learn from Mortagn in Normandy, that a man of the ſaid village having been ill a long time, of an unknown diſtemper, his Wife, believing him bewitched, conſulted a pretended Conjurer, who ſhew'd her in a glaſs of water the pretended Sorcerer, who was her husband's Uncle; and told her, that they muſt oblige him to withdraw the witchcraft, by uſing him ill, and burning the ſoles of his feet. The Wife, having got ſome of her Relations to her houſe, and her Husband's Uncle being preſent, they beat him ſeverely, and burnt his feet and head with a fire-ſhovel red hot. They then carried him home, and he died the next day, after receiving all the Sacraments. The Juſtice of Mortagn, being informed of the matter, cauſed the dead body to be examined, and finding ſad marks of violence, arreſted the Wife, and all her accomplices: ſhe confeſſed the whole, and declared, That if it had not been done, ſhe would do it. *E P.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 8.

Petersbourg, Dec. 16. Our advices from Derbent bring 2 ſeveral accounts: one that a peace is tranſacting between the new Sultan and P. Thamas, whereby the Prince abandons the Ruſſian Alliance, in conſideration of the former's reſtoring the 4 years laſt conqueſts from Perſia: the other, that the dethron'd Sultan's eldeſt Son, having aſſembled a body of 20,000 men near Cairo, has made propoſals for an Alliance againſt the new Sultan, and aſſured him, [P. Thamas] that he made no doubt of drawing over to his intereſts all the Ottoman forces in the neighbourhood of Bagdat. *D P.*

Vienna, Dec. 30. The day after Chriſtmas-day, a ſcaffold in the booth where the Strong Man Freyung ſhews his feats, fell down; and being full of people, ſome had their heads and limbs broke, and moſt of them loſt their watches, hats, and ſwords in the hurry and confuſion. *P.*

Paris, Jan. 13. Next Aug. 25. being S. Lewis's day, the French Academy will give the prize of Eloquence, the ſubject whereof will be, *The Pleaſure there is in doing good*, according to Acts xx. 35. *It is more bleſſed to give than to receive.* The ſame day alſo will be given the prize of Poetry, the ſubject of which will be, *The Progreſs of the Art of Gardening during the Reign of Lewis the Great. C. P. D P.*

Cadiz, Dec. 26. N. S. Our Court ſeems unconcern'd at the juſt complaints of the Merchants, whoſe treaſure and effects brought by the Flota, have been kept from them above 4 months, and 'tis uncertain when, and on what terms they may expect it. Some perſons have had their Cochineal delivered, the conditions unknown: but this partiality very much diſpleaſes thoſe who are deny'd that privilege. *D J. Ship news.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 9.

Yeſterday arrived one Mail from Holland.

Naples, Dec. 19. N. S. Saturday laſt the Viceroy, &c. aſſiſted at the yearly Proceſſion made upon the feſtival of S. Januarius; and the people ſaw, with abundance of joy, the uſual miracle of the liquefaction of that Saint's blood expoſed before his head. *C.* —— Mr. Addiſon, *who ſaw this performed twice, aſſures us*, that he thought it one of the moſt tangling tricks he had ever ſeen.

Rome, Dec. 23. The Pope on monday laſt gave the hats to the Cardinals Corſini and Maffei. *Ibid.*

Vienna, Dec. 30. The augmentation of the Imperial Troops is ſuſpended, and the ſole aim of the Court, at preſent, is to fill up the regiments on foot with neceſſary recruits, and chiefly thoſe in Italy; being aſſured of ſufficient ſuccours, in caſe of need, from the Princes and States of the Empire. *C. D P. D J.*

Berlin, Jan. 6. The Reſident of England has frequent Conferences with Gen. Borck, his Pruſſian Majeſty's Prime Miniſter; and people begin to talk again of a marriage between the Prince of Wales and the Princeſs Royal of Pruſſia. *Ibid.*

Amſterdam, Jan. 12. Letters from Paris of the 5th aſſure us, that the report lately ſpread there of the arrival of an Expreſs from Conſtantinople, with an account of a new Revolution, was without foundation. *D P.*

This day arrived one Mail from Holland.

Amſterdam, Jan. 16. 'Tis wrote from Vienna, that the Imperial Court had certain advices, that the Allies of Seville had reſolved to proceed in the ſpring, on the expedition to Italy with 16,000 Spaniards, a like number of French, 6000 Engliſh, and 2000 Dutch; that the confederate fleet will be compoſed of 60 men of war, and 140 tranſports, beſides the galleys; and that France will likewiſe cauſe a body of 30,000 men to march towards the frontiers of Savoy. *E P. L E.*

MONDAY, *Jan* 11.

Yeſterday arrived one Mail from France, *and one from* Flanders.

Paris, Jan. 17. N. S. M. de Figeac, Knight of the Order of S. Lewis, and Ayde-Major of S. Venant, died there the 5th, aged 113 years. He firſt liſted when he was 16, under Lewis XIII. He did duty within 2 months of his death, and had his ſenſes to the laſt. *C. P.* —They write from Rome, that on the 26th ult. Card. Coſcia ſent the Pope 2 reſignations of his Archbiſhoprick of Benevento: the 1ſt in virtue of the ſentence of the Congregation *ſuper nonnullis*; and the other pure and ſimple. The former was accepted, and the latter rejected, and ſent back to him. *Ibid. D J.* In *D P.* 12.

Conſtantinople, Nov. 26. All here remains in perfect tranquillity; for tho' the heads of the Malecontents ride a little ruſty, [reſty or reſtive] they do not ſeem to aim at another Revolution. *P.*

Cologn, Jan. 12. 'Tis aſſured, that the Electors of Bavaria, Mentz, Treves, and Palatine, and ſome other Princes of the Empire, have offered to furniſh the Emperor with 50,000 men, in caſe of need. *D J.*

Gibraltar, Dec. 5. The Spaniards continue working upon the line formerly mentioned; but they give out, that it is done only with deſign to hinder the clandeſtine traffick of contraband goods with the inhabitants of this place. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 13.

Paris, Jan. 15. A report is current here, that a certain great Court is mediating an accommodation between the Emperor and Spain, and the return of a Courier ſent to Vienna on this ſubject is expected with much impatience. *D J.*

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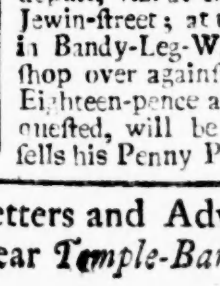

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